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SUBJECT: COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT: COMMITTEE
OF EXPERTS AND NEW ECONOMIC ORDER

REF: KINGSTON 1713

1. COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS OR "TEN WISE MEN" NOW EXPECTED
TO MET IN LONDON AT END OF MONTH UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP
OF ALISTAIR MCINTYRE, GRENADIAN, AND CARICOM SECRETARY
GENERAL. EXPERTS WILL BE NAMED BY COMMONWEALTH SG
RAMPHAL (GUYANA) AFTER CONSULTATION WITH MEMBER
GOVERNMENTS. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION EXPECTED TO
BE ON REGIONAL BASIS WITH BOTH DC AND LDCS REPRESENTED.
ECONOFF UNDERSTANDS AUSTRALIA EXPECTS TO SUBMIT THREE
NAMES FOR CONSIDERATION: SIR JOHN CRAWFORD, STUART
HARRIS, AND PROFESSOR GRUEN. UK ALSO EXPECTS TO BE
REPRESENTED.
FACT COMMITTEE MEETING SO SOON REFLECTS SENSE OF
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URGENCY FELT ON THIS ISSUE BY LDC COMMONWEALTH MEMBERS.

THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT MAJOR PUSH IN THIS AREA
BEING MADE, ESPECIALLY ON PART OF CARIBBEAN.

2. COMMENT: CHOICE OF MCINTYRE AS CHAIRMAN OF "EXPERTS"
RESULT OF CARIBBEAN DETERMINATION TO OBTAIN CHAIRMANSHIP
AS WELL AS INDIFFERENCE ON PART OF SOME DELEGATES.
THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN WEEKEND DRAFTING SESSION OF
WORKING GROUP SAID MCINTYRE HAD BEEN VERY IMPRESSIVE
AS CHAIRMAN.

3. AUSTRALIA HIGH COMMISSION SOURCE TOLD ECONOFF
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS RECEIVED FAR LESS TIME THAN SOUTH
AFRICAN AND RHODESIAN ISSUES WHICH DOMINATED CONFERENCE.
BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION SOURCE COMMENTED THAT UK
PUSHED AROUND ON COMMODITY ISSUE CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN
ANTICIPATED, AND THAT THERE HAD BEEN A GOOD EXCHANGE OF VIEWS
ESPECIALLY FOLLOWING WEEKEND OF RELAXATION. ALTHOUGH BOTH
MCINTYRE AND RAMPHAL CONSIDERED COMPETENT, FACT CARIB-
BEAN HAS SECURED TWO KEY POSITIONS WITH REFERENCE TO
ECONOMIC PROPOSALS IS UNQUESTIONABLY A VICTORY.
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